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Applicant : A. MAKI et al
Filed : October 24, 2000
Titled : OPTICAL MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENT AND OPTICAL
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Examiner : S. CHERRY
Docket No.: NIP-208
Customer No.: 24956

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 31, 2005, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Group IIIa, including claims 3-14 as amended by the amendment being filed concurrently herewith. This election is made without traverse.

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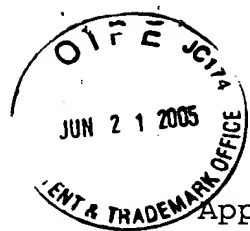
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.